

SNAP Eligibility Factors and Suggested Documentation Guide

Eligibility Factor	To prove eligibility, provide ONE of the following items listed below:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Identity	ONE of the following items needs to be provided:	
You must establish identity for each person listed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID • Driver's License • U.S. Passport • Naturalization certificate • Hospital/Doctor's records • Adoption papers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Statements from another person * Birth/baptismal certificate * Validated Social Security Number (SSN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Marital Status	ONE of the following items needs to be provided:	
You must prove if you are married, divorced, separated or widowed (not required for SNAP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage/Death certificates • Separation agreements • Divorce decree • Social Security records • Veterans Administration (VA) records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Statements from clergy * Census records * Newspaper notice * Statement from another person
<input type="checkbox"/> Relationship	ONE of the following items needs to be provided:	
If you are related to a child in the household, you must prove the relationship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificate (long form) • Adoption papers/records • Court records • Medical records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Applicant's statement * Newspaper notice * Statement from clergy * Statement from another person
<input type="checkbox"/> Residence	ONE of the following items needs to be provided:	
You must verify your place residence (if applicable).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from landlord/primary tenant • Current rent receipt or lease • Mortgage records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Statement from another person * Current mail * School records
<input type="checkbox"/> Household Composition/Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from non-relative landlord • School records 	
You must prove who is living with you.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Statements from another person 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Age	ONE of the following items needs to be provided:	
You must prove the age of each person applying for assistance, where appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from non-relative landlord • Baptismal records/certificate • Hospital records • Adoption papers/records • Naturalization certificate • Driver's license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance policy • Census records • School records • Statement from another person • Physical statement • Official correspondence from Social Security Administration (SSA)

<input type="checkbox"/> Absence/ Death of Parent(s) If the parent(s) of any child in your home is not living with you, you must prove this (not required for SNAP).	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">ONE of the following items needs to be provided:</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death certificate Survivor's benefit records Hospital records VA or military records Divorce papers Proof of re-marriage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspaper notice Insurance company records Institutional records Agency case records and burial payment files Statement from another person </div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Absent Parent Information If the parent(s) of any child in your home is not living with you, you must provide information you have about that individual's name, address, SSN, birth date, and employment (not required for SNAP).	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">ONE of the following items needs to be provided:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay stubs Tax returns Social Security or VA records Monetary determination letters ID cards (health insurance) Driver's license or registration 	NA
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number For Temporary Assistance, SNAP Benefits and Medical Assistance only , you do <u>not</u> have to provide proof of your SSN unless the SSN you give does not match the SSA's records or cannot be verified by the Agency.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">ONE of the following items needs to be provided:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security card Official correspondence from SSA <p>A Social Security number is not required for aliens who are seeking Medical Assistance for emergency treatment only or are Medical Assistance-only applicants and are pregnant.</p>	NA

Eligibility Factor	To prove this factor, provide ONE of the following:
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship or Current Alien Status Status – U.S. citizens are eligible for Temporary Assistance, SNAP and Medical Assistance. Aliens must be in satisfactory immigration status in order to be eligible for TA, SNAP and Medical Assistance. Immigration status is not an eligibility factor for pregnant women or immigrant children applying for Child Health Plus B. Undocumented immigrants and temporary non-immigrants are eligible only for the treatment of an emergency medical condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificate • Baptismal certificate/records • Hospital records • U.S. passport • Military service records • Naturalization certificate • USCIS documentation • Evidence of continuous U.S. residence since prior to 1/1/72
<input type="checkbox"/> Earned Income <input type="checkbox"/> From employer <input type="checkbox"/> From self-employment <input type="checkbox"/> From Income from rent or room/board	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> ONE of the following items needs to be provided: </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current wage stubs and statements of tips • Pay envelopes • Contact with employer • On letterhead, rate of pay per hour, hours worked per week, first pay date, if new and employer's phone number • Business records • Tax records • Records and related materials concerning self-employment earnings and expenses • Current income tax return • Current contribution check • Statement from roomer, boarder, tenant
<input type="checkbox"/> Unearned Income <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security benefits (including SSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from Family Court • Statement from person paying support • Check stubs • Official correspondence from the Child Support Enforcement Unit • Current award certificate • Current correspondence with the NYS Dept. of Labor • Current award certificate/letter • Current benefit check • Official correspondence from SSA • Veteran's Administration official correspondence • Current award certificate/letter • Current benefit check • Award certificate/letter • Check stub

<input type="checkbox"/> Education grants and loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from school • Statement from bank • Statement from agency administering grant/award letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest/dividends/royalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from bank or credit loan • Statement from broker/financial institution/agent
<input type="checkbox"/> Private pension/annuity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current award letter • Current benefit check • Official correspondence from source of income • Contact with source of income • Current contribution check
<input type="checkbox"/> Unearned Income contributed <input type="checkbox"/> Other unearned income <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Resources (For Medical Assistance only, resource information is not requested for pregnant women, children under the age of 19 and persons eligible for Family Health Plus.)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> ONE of the following items needs to be provided: </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from household • Statement from nursing home
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Accounts: Checking, savings, retirement (IRA and Keogh), credit union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current bank records • Current credit card records
<input type="checkbox"/> Stocks, bonds, certificates and mutual funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock/bond certificate • Statement from financial institution
<input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance policy • Statement from insurance company
<input type="checkbox"/> Burial trust or fund, burial plot or funeral arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank records • Burial agreement • Burial plot deed • Statement from funeral director
<input type="checkbox"/> Income tax refund or Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refund of EITC check • Statement from tax office
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate other than residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed • Statement from real estate broker • Broker's appraisal/estimate of current value by broker
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration (older models) • Title of ownership • Appraisal of current value by dealer • Financing data
<input type="checkbox"/> Lump sum payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from the source of payment • Lump sum check

<input type="checkbox"/> Other Resources	<div> ONE of the following items listed below needs to be provided to prove eligibility: </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household statement of current value Sales slips Insurance appraisal
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Expenses You must prove how much it costs you to live where you do. (You may need to provide separate documentation for each item of shelter expense). Medical Assistance does not require documentation of shelter expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current rent receipt/lease/mortgage book/records Property and school tax records Landlord statement Sewer and water bills Garbage/trash collection bills or receipts Homeowner's insurance records Fuel bills/shut-off notice Non-heating utility bills Telephone bills (or a statement from the household that the expense is incurred)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Expenses For SNAP, for aged/disabled individuals only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statements from provider of health insurance premiums Copies of medical bills (paid and unpaid) Medicare prescription drug card
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance If you or anyone applying has health insurance coverage- even if paid for by someone else- you must prove this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance policy/card Statement from provider of coverage Medicare card Separation or divorce agreement with court-ordered health coverage.
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled/Incapacitated/Pregnant If you or anyone living with you is sick or pregnant, you must provide proof. (For MA only, resource information is not requested from pregnant women, children and persons eligible for Family Health Plus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement from doctor, clinic or hospital verifying pregnancy, expected date of birth Statement from medical professional Proof of SSA/SSI benefits for disability/blindness
<input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid bills Rent. utility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of each bill showing amount owed, period of services and provider
<input type="checkbox"/> Referral Drug/alcohol treatment program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement from provider of treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement from employment service
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Expenses/Dependent Care Cost You must provide proof if you pay court-ordered support, child care, recurring loans or for the services of a home health aide or attendant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement from doctor, clinic or hospital verifying pregnancy, expected date of birth Statement from medical professional Proof of SSA/SSI benefits for disability/blindness
<input type="checkbox"/> School Attendance You must prove who is in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School records (current report card) Statement from school or higher education institution

<input type="checkbox"/> Past Management (For Safety Net Assistance)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: yellow;"> ONE of the following items listed below needs to be provided to prove eligibility: </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from employer giving dates of employment, amount earned and reason(s) for leaving
<input type="checkbox"/> Earned Income <input type="checkbox"/> Other (For cash assistance only)	<p>If you were not supporting yourself from employment/earned income, please bring verification of how much you were able to support yourself in the past, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bankbook/bank statement Verification of expiration of benefits (worker's compensation, disability, Social Security, UIB, etc.) Statement from person(s) who provided support
<input type="checkbox"/> Potential Benefits	<p>Statement from person(s) who provided support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you or anyone in the household has applied for and been denied or has been accepted for benefits from any of the following sources, bring the award letter, check or other correspondence: Social Security, court payments, SSI, veteran's benefits, worker's compensation, union benefits, pension, military allotment, railroad retirement, NYS disability or other source.

Note: For SNAP, copies of documents are acceptable whenever proof of eligibility is presented. Copies of documents for all eligibility factors- other than identity and citizenship/alien status- are acceptable.